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1. AS INDICATED IN REF (A) AMBASSADOR BRIEFED DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THESE PROPOSALS JUNE 3.

2. IN ABSENCE COMMENT OR REACTION FROM GOA SINCE THAT DATE,
EMBOFF INFORMALLY RAISED QUESTION OF GOA THINKING WITH DFA JUNE
27 IN COURSE DISCUSSION ON OTHER MATTERS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETARY'S SPEECHES AND EMBASSY'S

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AIDE-MEMOIRE HAVE BEEN GIVEN WIDE DISTRIBUTION WITHIN INTERESTED

DEPARTMENTS OF GOA AND THAT SOME INFORMAL DISCUSSION HAS TAKEN PLACE. WHILE NO CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED AND NO OFFICIAL GOA COMMENT IS YET AVAILABLE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT OFFICERS WORKING ON PLANS FOR NEXT UNGA HAVE ESPECIALLY BEEN REQUESTED TO STUDY U.S. PROPOSALS.

3. ON BASIS THIS DISCUSSION , EMBASSY INCLINES TO VIEW (1) THAT PROPOSALS RESPECTING DC-LDC TRADE ARRANGEMENTS IN OECD SPEECH LIKELY TO HAVE BROADLY SYMPATHETIC GOA RECEPTION; (2) GOA WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY REACHING POSITION ON PROPOSALS BEARING DIRECTLY ON PETROLEUM AND ENERGY POLICY, BECAUSE WIDE INTERDEPARTMENTAL DIFFERENCES ORIGINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GOA DECISION TO STAY OUT OF IEA STILL PERSIST; (3) MOREOVER, SINCE GOA WOULD FOR THIS REASON HAVE NO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN RECONVENING OF APRIL PREPCON IT IS UNLIKELY IN ANY CASE TO EXPRESS A STRONG VIEW ON THIS POINT, BUT (4) IT WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE SECOND OR "THREE COMMISSION" STAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S IEA PROPOSAL IF AND WHEN THAT APPROACHES.

4. EMBASSY WISHES TO PASS THESE IMPRESSIONS TO DEPARTMENT ON TENTATIVE BASIS AS PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF RESPONSE LIKELY TO DEVELOP FROM GOA.

5. WE HAVE ONE OBSERVATION RESPECTING FUTURE ACTION ON THIS MATTER. AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTELS, AMBASSADOR PRESENTED PROPOSALS TO ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS MAJOR U.S. FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY INITIATIVE. LEVEL AND SETTING OF THIS PRESENTATION SEEMED TO US TO SUGGEST THAT A SUBSTANTIAL AND SUSTAINED U.S. OFFENSIVE IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM WOULD PROMPTLY FOLLOW. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT GOA MAY HAVE EXPECTED THIS. WE ARE READY AND ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN STEADY CONTACT WITH GOA TO THAT END. BUT FOR THIS WE WOULD OF COURSE NEED TO HAVE CONTINUING GUIDANCE RESPECTING DETAILED CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND U.S. INTENTIONS BEARING DIRECTLY ON THESE PROPOSALS. CONCEIVABLY NUMEROUS OTHER MISSIONS MAY FACE A SIMILAR PROBLEM.

6. WE ACCORDINGLY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF PERIODIC (POSSIBLY BI-WEEKLY) ROUND-UP MESSAGES FOLLOWING UP ON THE ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND PROVIDING THE KIND OF SPECIFIC AND TIMELY GUIDANCE UPON THE BASIS OF WHICH WE COULD USEFULLY PURSUE A CONTINUING CONTACT WITH THE GOA ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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